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SUBJECT: YAOUNDE SOVEMB REPRINTS IZVESTIA DENIAL OF SOVIET

AUTHORSHIP OF "PEUT-ON CROIRE AU CORAN?" AND OTHER

ANTI-ISLAMIC PAMPHLETS

REF: YAOUNDE 2418 (LIMDIS)

1. SINCE REF, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ISSUE NO. 26 (267) DATED JULY 1973 OF "COURRIER DE L'URSS" PUBLISHED BY LOCAL SOVEMB PRESS AND INFORMATION SERVICE. LAST ITEM OF CONTENTS, PERHAPS ADDED JUST PRIOR SCHEDULED PUBLICATION, IS MODERATELY PHRASED 2-PAGE REBUTTAL OF WHAT BULLETIN TITLES "LA FALSIFICATION, ARME DE LA DIVERSION IDEOLOGIQUE". CONSISTS OF REPRINT JUNE 29 IZVESTIA ARTICLE BY ONE P. IVANOV DENOUNCING ANTI-ISLAMIC BROCHURE "PEUT-ON CROIRE AU CORAN?" ATTRIBUTED TO SOVAMB TO MAURITANIA RAKHMATOV WHICH, REPRINT STATES, HAS NO CONNECTION WITH EITHER NOVOSTI OR OTHER SOVIET PUBLISHING FACILITY. BROCHURE CITED IS UNDOUBTEDLY THAT OF WHICH COPIES WERE REPORTED MAILED FROM YAOUNDE WITH MAY EDITION OF "COURRIER DE L'URSS", PER NOUAKCHOTT 599, AND WHICH RAKHMATOV DENOUNCED AT JUNE 6 PRESS CONFERENCE NOUAKCHOTT.

2. NOTING SOVIET CONTRIBUTIONS TO THAWING OF "COLD WAR" WORLDWIDE

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IZVESTIA REPRINT CONDEMNS UNNAMED "AGENTS OF IDEOLOGICAL

SUBVERSION" FOR WHAT IT CALLS LATEST IN SERIES ANTI-ISLAMIC FORGERIES WITH SOVIET ATTRIBUTION. EARLIER FRENCH-LANGUAGE PAMPHLETS ENTITLED "L'UNION SOVIETIQUE ET L'ISLAM" AND "LE CORAN: SES DOGMES ET SA DOCTRINE" PURPORTEDLY ISSUED BY NOVOSTI ARE CITED AS FORGERIES. ARTICLE GOES ON SAY: "WE DO NOT KNOW TRUE AUTHORS OF THESE FORGERIES. BUT THE AIMS THEY ARE PURSUING ARE CLEAR--BY MISREPRESENTING SOVIET UNION'S ATTITUDE REGARDING RELIGION AND HEAPING ABUSE ON ISLAM, THESE PROVOCATEURS SEEK TO STIR UP ANTI-SOVIET FEELING AMONG BELIEVERS IN COUNTRIES WHERE ISLAM IS OFFICIAL RELIGION. MOREOVER...THEY ALSO TRYING SULLY ACTIVITIES OF SOVIET OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD."

3. ARTICLE SAYS THAT "BY PUBLISHING HEREIN PHOTOCOPIES OF COVERS THESE THREE BROCHURES, SOVIETS INTEND WARN FOREIGN OPINION, "BEWARE\* THESE BOTTLES CONTAIN A NASTY ANTI-SOVIET CONCOCTION." ASSUME PHOTOCOPIES ILLUSTRATED ORIGINAL IZVESTIA ARTICLE BUT NONE INCLUDED IN LOCAL BULLETIN REPRINT.

4. EMPHASIZING APPARENT SOVIET WISH PRESERVE IMAGE OF PEACEFUL CONCILIATION DESPITE ANY AWKWARDNESS OCCASIONED BY ALLEGED FORGERIES, BULLETIN NO. 26 (267) ALSO INCLUDES 12-PAGE SUPPLEMENT REPRINTING FULL TEXT JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION BREZHNEV OFFICIAL U.S. VISIT.

5. NO INDICATION WHETHER BULLETIN WE RECEIVED ONLY FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION OR PERHAPS ALSO INTENDED BE SENT ABROAD IN FURTHER REBUTTAL REF ANTI-ISLAMIC PAMPHLET.  
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